

*Applicant* is the individual or business entity applying for the loan.

*Business entity* is a corporation, partnership, joint operation, trust, limited liability company, or cooperative.

*Domestically owned enterprise* is an entity organized in the United States under the law of the state or states in which the entity operates and a majority of the entity is owned by members meeting the citizenship test.

*False information* is information provided by an applicant, borrower or other source to the Agency that the borrower knows to be incorrect, and that the borrower or other source provided in order to obtain benefits for which the borrower would not otherwise have been eligible.

*Seed producer* is a farmer that produced a 1999 crop of grass, forage, vegetable, or sorghum seed for sale to AgriBiotech under contract.

#### **§ 774.3 Appeals.**

A loan applicant or borrower may request an appeal or review of an adverse decision made by the Agency in accordance with 7 CFR part 11.

#### **§§ 774.4–774.5 [Reserved]**

#### **§ 774.6 Eligibility requirements.**

Loan applicants must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible under the Emergency Loan for Seed Producers Program;

(a) The loan applicant must be a seed producer;

(b) The individual or entity loan applicant must have a timely filed proof of claim in the Chapter XI bankruptcy proceedings involving AgriBiotech and the claim must have arisen from a contract to grow seeds in the United States;

(c) The loan applicant must be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationalization Act. For a business entity applicant, the majority of the business entity must be owned by members meeting the citizenship test or, other entities that are domestically owned. Aliens must provide the appropriate Immigration and Naturalization Service forms to document their permanent residency;

(d) The loan applicant and anyone who will execute the promissory note must possess the legal capacity to enter into contracts, including debt instruments;

(e) At loan closing, the applicant and anyone who will execute the promissory note must not be delinquent on any Federal debt, other than a debt under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(f) At loan closing, the applicant and anyone who will execute the promissory note must not have any outstanding unpaid judgments obtained by the United States in any court. Such judgments do not include those filed as a result of action in the United States Tax Courts;

(g) The loan applicant, in past and current dealings with the Agency, must not have provided the Agency with false information.

#### **§ 774.7 [Reserved]**

#### **§ 774.8 Limitations.**

(a) The maximum loan amount any individual or business entity may receive will be 65% of the value of the timely filed proof of claim against AgriBiotech in the bankruptcy proceeding as determined by the Agency.

(b) Loan funds may not be used to pay expenses incurred for lobbying or related activities.

(c) Loans may not be made for any purpose which contributes to excessive erosion of highly erodible land or to the conversion of wetlands to produce an agricultural commodity.

#### **§ 774.9 Environmental requirements.**

The loan actions in this part were reviewed for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, and determined not to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, either individually or cumulatively. These loan actions are categorically excluded from the requirements of an environmental evaluation due to the fact that the loan funds would be utilized to replace operating capital the applicant would have had if AgriBiotech had not filed bankruptcy.